

## GATHERING DATA ON VICE PROBLEM

Investigators Will Look Into Conditions Surrounding Other Women Workers.

## COMMISSION TAKES RECESS

Governors of Several States Promise Co-Operative Crusades.

Chicago, March 11.—Although the State Vice Commission took an indefinite recess yesterday, a force of its investigators went to work to-day gathering data on the following subjects:

The stage, with particular reference to the environment of chorus girls. Restaurants, to show the wages and environment of waitresses.

Stenographers, their wages and environment.

Reports that resorts, since the closing of the segregated district, exist in residential sections.

Popular songs, whose words are suggestive.

Lieutenant-Governor O'Hara, chairman of the commission, said he had received from the governors of New York, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan and Nebraska communications promising co-operative vice crusades in those States.

A number of complaints alleging extreme immorality against some of the costumes worn on the stage have reached the commission recently. The commission will seek a method of censorship. Cabaret entertainments also will be investigated.

## Situation Is Appalling.

Springfield, Ill., March 11.—The Senate committee investigating "white slave" conditions will go to New York next week to confer with John D. Rockefeller, Jr., regarding the suppression of the evil.

"The newspapers have told only a part of the story," said one of the investigating committees. "The situation is appalling. We have not only the moral, but it needs the financial support of a number of the best people of the country in our investigation."

## Society Is Responsible.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Denver, Col., March 11.—The vice investigation now in progress at Chicago has demonstrated the humiliating fact that thousands of women workers sell their very souls and bodies that they may obtain the means of livelihood.

This was the statement of John Mitchell, second vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, to the joint session of the House and Senate to-day in his address on the subject of legislation for the benefit of working women and children. He advocated removal of the conditions that make vice possible, and asserted that legislators must devote themselves more and more to the solution of problems relating to humanity.

"If women workers do not receive for their labor a wage sufficiently high to live normally, society cannot escape the responsibility, for it then becomes a social question," he said. "In the matter of health and morals it requires a strong arm of the government to make our ideals effective."

Senator Helen Ring Robinson and Representative Mesdames Lee and Riddle, occupied seats of honor on the rostrum.

## DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO CONFERENCE RETURN

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Roanoke, Va., March 11.—William Watts Camp, of Confederate Veterans, has elected delegates and alternates to represent the camp at the Chattanooga reunion in May. They are as follows:

Delegates—Colonel D. M. Armstrong, chairman; Colonel Thomas Slam, J. W. Pearsall, and E. J. Reed, commander.

Alternates—W. L. Graybill, first lieutenant; W. L. Elliott, color sergeant; J. A. Page and F. J. Heckman, second lieutenant commanders.

## COLORED HOUSING UNDER SCRUTINY

Aldermen Ask Complete Report on Sanitary Condition of Negro Quarter.

## WANT BETTER CAR SERVICE

Street Committee Instructed to Investigate Rush Hour Traffic.

Extension of the district in which all electric wires are required to be placed underground, investigation of the housing and sanitary conditions of the colored population, plans for better street car service during the rush hours at night, and extension of city water mains to the Tabernum tract, north of the city, and to Woodland Heights, south of the city, were among the matters given favorable attention by the Board of Aldermen last night. Without objection the Board concurred in the action of the Common Council in granting a franchise to the Virginia Railway and Power Company to operate a single track in Franklin Street from Seventh to Eighth Street, thus providing for the loop service of suburban car lines. The Board also concurred in ordinances ordering construction of a sewer in Roane Street, at the east of S. G. Meredith, authorizing the Board of Police Commissioners to employ a matron at \$60 a month, giving permission to Murphy's Hotel to maintain five overhead shelters over entrances, prescribing who may issue cards of admission to the Police Court, and granting permission to the W. H. Harris Grocery Company to erect a brick building in the rear of 1429-1432 East Cary Street.

## City Water for Suburbs.

On report of the Committee on Public Buildings, Properties and Utilities, the Board adopted ordinances granting use of city water at nonresidential rates to John Stewart Bryan and others for the Tabernum tract, in Henrico County, and to the Southside Water and Sewerage Corporation, in Woodland Heights.

On roll call Mr. Bailey sought to secure a special appropriation of \$99 to defray the expenses of the Committee on Public Buildings, Properties and Utilities in visiting farms proposed to be sold to the city for a poor farm, and also to visit city poor farms now in operation, and inspect their methods, and the paper was referred.

## Street Car Congestion.

Mr. Powers secured adoption, under suspension of the rules, of a resolution setting forth that whereas there is great congestion between the hours of 5 and 7 P. M. on the cars of the Main Street and Broad and Main Street lines, that the Committee on Streets be directed to confer with the proper officials of the Virginia Railway and Power Company, with a view of recommending some adequate means of relief.

The Board also adopted, under suspension, a resolution offered by Mr. Powers instructing the Board of Health to make a complete investigation of the congested sections of the city inhabited by colored people, with a view to their housing and sanitary conditions, and to make to the Council a comprehensive report, showing what should be done by the way of legislation and public improvements, together with such recommendations as the Board of Health may see fit to make, especially in regard to water, sewerage, street improvements and other conditions.

A third time Mr. Powers secured a suspension of the rules for adoption of a resolution instructing the Committee on Streets to confer with the proper officials of the city and if it is desirable, to report to the Council a proper ordinance extending and defining the territory of that street, and do business in contravention of its constitution and laws.

The statement of the proposition is to answer it. The refusal to grant the relief asked for does not prevent the complainant from doing business in South Carolina, if it has the right to do so, but simply withholds the sanction of the court by the granting of the affirmative permission so to do, in advance of the ascertainment of what the law is, in an orderly and proper manner, in a proceeding in which the State of South Carolina or its representatives should be a party.

## Has Grave Doubts.

"Complaint likewise is not denied redress as the result of the conditions reached, because there is no agreement that the Southern Express Company is not solvent, and as a public carrier has, on omission properly to perform its duty, and, moreover, if such arguments were made, it may be said to be a matter of the gravest doubt whether in a proceeding in which, on the one hand, the private interests and property rights of the citizen are involved, and on the other, the power and authority of a sovereign State, in the matter of the control and regulation of its domestic affairs, and the peace and happiness of its people, is concerned, the private claims and demands of the citizen should not give way, or, at least, be held in abeyance pending the ascertainment of the true status of the parties; in other words, if complaint is denied the right to bring its commodities into the State, under its laws, it should, under the circumstances, have the right to the result of the contest over the right to evade the law, rather than have the same suspended pending such controversy.

In determining questions affecting local laws on the subject of the transportation of whiskey, etc., into the State, since the passage of the Webb-Kenyon bill, in terms leaving such articles of commerce subject to the local laws, it is established that the national law, different propositions are determined upon considerations other than those formerly controlling."

## NEW Y. W. C. A. PLANS

Administrative Building on Fifth Street to Cost \$81,000.

Plans were filed yesterday at the office of the Building Inspector for the new administrative building of the Young Women's Christian Association. It is to be erected on the west side of Fifth Street between Main and Orange Streets, on the site of the old dwelling formerly occupied by Dr. Hugh M. Taylor.

Nelson & Baskerville are the architects and H. L. Matthews the contractor. The new structure is to cost approximately \$81,000. It will be three stories high, brick, concrete and wooden construction, covering fifty-four feet on Fifth Street and thirty feet on Main Street. The total height will be fifty-eight feet.

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